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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. OAKAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That section 215(a)(1)(C)(ii) of the Social Security Act is
- 4 amended—

1           (1) by striking out "in each of which he is cred-  
2           ited" in clause (II) and inserting in lieu thereof "in  
3           each of which (a) such individual is credited"; and

4           (2) by inserting before the period at the end there-  
5           of the following: ", or (b) such individual is not so  
6           credited but had a child (of such individual or his or  
7           her spouse), 6 years of age or less, in his or her care  
8           for more than 6 months".

9           SEC. 2. Section 215(a)(1)(C)(ii) of the Social Security  
10          Act is further amended by striking out "(not exceeding 30)"  
11          in the matter preceding clause (I) and inserting in lieu thereof  
12          "(not exceeding 30, increased by one (up to a combined total  
13          not exceeding 35) for each child-care year which is included  
14          under subclause (II)(b))".

15          SEC. 3. (a) The amendments made by the first section of  
16          this Act shall apply with respect to periods of child care oc-  
17          curring before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this  
18          Act, but only in the case of benefits payable for months after  
19          December 1985. The amendment made by section 2 shall  
20          apply with respect to benefits payable for months after De-  
21          cember 1985.

22          (b) The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall  
23          by regulation establish and publish procedures to assure  
24          that—

1           (1) future applicants for monthly benefits under  
2           section 202(a) or 223 of the Social Security Act, and  
3           current recipients of such benefits, are fully informed of  
4           the amendments made by this Act;

5           (2) future applicants for such benefits are given  
6           the opportunity, at the time of their application, to in-  
7           dicate and verify any child-care years to which they  
8           might be entitled under subclause (II)(b) of section  
9           215(a)(1)(C)(ii) of the Social Security Act (as added by  
10          such amendments); and

11          (3) current recipients of such benefits are invited  
12          and given the opportunity, within 60 days after the  
13          date of the enactment of this Act, to notify the Secre-  
14          tary of (and verify) any such years to which they might  
15          be so entitled.

16       Upon receiving notification and verification from a current  
17       recipient of benefits under paragraph (3), the Secretary shall  
18       redetermine the amount of such benefits to take into account  
19       the amendments made by this Act (and if such redetermina-  
20       tion results in an increase in such amount the increase shall  
21       be effective as provided in subsection (a)).

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